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FM AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1451

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

UNCLAS KATHMANDU 1812

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, NP

SUBJ: OIL EXPLORATION CONCESSION IN NEPAL

1. FOR LAST TWO YEARS, MARINE ASSOCIATES, A US FIRM BASED IN HOUSTON AND SINGAPORE, HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN CONCESSION AGREEMENT WITH GON TO EXPLORE FOR PETROLEUM IN NEPAL. APPLICATION FROM MARINE ASSOCIATES HAS NOW REACHED NEPAL'S COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WHERE FINAL DECISION IS TO BE MADE. IN THIS CONNECTION, DIRECTOR OF GON'S BUREAU OF MINES CALLED EMBASSY OFFICER TO ASK IF EMBASSY COULD PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION SUPPORTING BONA FIDES OF FIRM. ONLY INFORMATION WHICH GON NOW HAS WAS SUPPLIED BY FIRM ITSELF AND GOVERNMENT IS RELUCTANT TO MAKE DECISION WITHOUT CORROBORATING INFORMATION FROM INDEPENDENT SOURCES.

2. WE WOULD, THEREFORE, APPRECIATE DUN & BRADSTREET APPRAISAL OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION WHICH DEPARTMENT (EB/ORF/FSE) OR AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE COULD PROVIDE THAT WE CAN PASS ON TO GON. RELEVANT INFORMATION FOLLOWS: MARINE ASSOCIATES (HK) LTD, 4909 MAIN ST., HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002; TEL: (713) 526-3746, CABLE: MARASCO. SINGAPORE REPRESENTATIVE: ROOM 3-A WISMA INDONESIA, 435 ORCHARD ROAD, SINGAPORE 9. CARGO

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